(a) whether the Canadian International Development Authority had given its approval for the implementation of e scheme for environmental improvement of Chilka Water Lake in Orisse;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the tima by which the body for the development of the lake is likely to be set-up?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) and (b). The Canadian International Development Authority has agreed to prepare an Integrated Resource Management Plan for Chilka Lake to help conserve the ecosystem.

(c) Chilka Development Authority has been set up in November, 1991.

Pollution Free Environment in West Rajasthan

1928. SHRI GUMAN MAL LODHA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be plaased to state:

(a) whether the Government heve formulated a schema to make the Environment free from pollution caused by industries in West Rajasthan for the year 1991-92; and

(b) if so, the salient features of the scheme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHIR KAMAL NATH): (a) and (b). Rajasthan Pollution Control Board has formulated a schema to control environmental pollution caused by clusters of small scale industries in Pali, Jodhpur & Balotra. The scheme involves mainly in plant modifications to reduce pollution at source and the setting up of common effluent treatment plants for these clusters at Pali. The Rajasthan Government has entrusted the Rajasthan State Industrial Development and Investment Corporation to prepare the feasibility report with the help of the National Environmental Engineering Research Institute, Nagpur. The Rajasthan Pollution Control Board has also proposed that e similar scheme mey be made for industries in Balotra.

Report of World Health Organisation on AIDS

1929. SHRI RAMASHRAY PRASAD SINGH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have received recently e report from the World Health Organisation regarding the cases of Acquired Immuno Deficiency Syndrome in the country; and

(b) if so, the details of main recommendations made in the report for implementation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D.K. THARA DEVI SIDDHARTHA): (a) Yes.

(b) World Health Organisation has estimated that out of 1/2 million HIV infection in South-East Asia, a vast majority is in India and Thailand.

A Strategic Project proposal for AIDS Prevention and Control Programme has been developed by the Government with the following components:

1. Building Surveillance and Clinical Management capacity.

2. Promoting public awareness and community education.

3. Improving Blood safety and promoting rational use of blood.

4. Improving facilities for diagnosis and treatment of sexually transmitted diseases.

5. Strengthening Programme Management capacity.

World Health Organisation is also collaborating with the World Bank and number of bilateral donors for procurement of funds for support to the programme activities.

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Pollution in Industrial Cities

1931. SHRI GOVINDRAO NIKAM:
SHIR BARE LAL JATAV:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONEMNT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether pollution has been increasing in the industrial cities;

(b) whether the Government propose to make a policy to check the pollution;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the action proposed to be taken by the government against the industrial units responsible for pollution?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) According to the air quality survey, air pollution levels in industrial cities are by and large within the prescribed limits and continue to remain so. While the levels of sulphur dioxide and oxides of nitrogen are well within the limits, particulate matter in these cities is on the higher side. This is mainly due to the presence of dust and high density of vehicular traffic. Water pollution in these cities is increasing because of urbanisation.

(b) and (c). Protection of the Environment has always been a major concern and has been built into all programmes, projects and policies taken up so far. This has to be a continuing process. As part of this process, we have to seek integration of environment and economic aspects in development planning; stress on the preventive aspects in pollution abatement; promotion of technological inputs for reducing industrial pollutants and reliance upon public cooperation in securing a clean environment.

(d) The action taken by the government against the industrial units responsible for causing pollution include the following:-

(1) Environmental guidelines have been evolved for siting and operation of industries.

(2) Industries have been asked to comply with consent requirements of the state pollution control boards.

(3) Industries have been directed to instal necessary pollution control equipment on a time-bound basis and legal action is taken against the defaulting units.

(4) 17 categories of heavily